

## **Sir David Veness** (Advisory Board chair)

Sir David Veness served as Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Safety & Security from its creation in 2005 until June 2009. This role carries responsibility for UN operations globally. Prior to this appointment, he was Assistant Commissioner (Specialist Operations) New Scotland Yard from 1994-2005.



He joined the Metropolitan Police as a cadet in 1964 and as a constable in 1996. In the course of his police career he specialised in serious crime investigation, hostage negotiation and counter terrorism. David was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge (MA, LL.M) and attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in 1990. David was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1994, a CBE in 2000, and was knighted in 2004.